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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Klaus ZIMMERMAN et al.
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ACTIVATING
AN ELECTROMAGNETIC CONSUMER
Art Unit : 3754
Examiner : Eric Keasel

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AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 11, 2001 (the three-month response date for which is September 11, 2001), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend without prejudice the specification by canceling and/or deleting the paragraph added at line 21 of page 1 in the Amendment mailed on April 25, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend/replace without prejudice the claims as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of determining the duration includes increasing the duration of the time window if the current is lower than the threshold value.
3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of determining the duration includes reducing the duration of the time window if the current is greater than the threshold